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PATENT
Docket No. GC816

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of)	
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Aehle, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1639
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Serial No.: 10/688,255)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: October 16, 2003)	
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For: GENERATION OF STABILIZED PROTEINS)	
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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 4.